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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-48. Insert the following claims:

49. (New) A heat-sensitive recording material having a substrate and a heat-sensitive recording layer formed on the substrate, the heat-sensitive recording layer containing an electron-donating normally colorless or slightly colored dye precursor and an electron-accepting compound which reacts with the electron-donating dye precursor under heat to cause said electron-donating dye precursor to form a color, wherein said heat-sensitive recording layer contains